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SUBJECT: NYERERE WARNS ON FOOD SHORTAGES

1. SUMMARY: IN SPECIAL ADDRESS TO NATION, PRESIDENT NYERERE HIGHLIGHTED NECESSITY TO IMPORT LARGE QUANTITIES OF GRAIN DURING PERIOD MARCH 1974 TO SEPTEMBER 1975. HE ALSO TOUCHED ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEM CAUSED BY THIS SITUATION AND INCREASED PRICES OF POL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SPECIAL BROADCAST TO THE NATION AUGUST 15, PRESIDENT NYERERE SAID AS RESULT OF TWO SUCCESSIVE DROUGHT YEARS, FOOD SITUATION IN COUNTRY IS BAD AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROBLEM NEXT YEAR. NYERERE ANNOUNCED THAT TANZANIA MUST SPEND ABOUT 163 MILLION DOLLARS ON IMPORTATIONS OF CORN, RICE, AND WHEAT DURING 18 MONTHS BETWEEN MARCH 1974 AND SEPTEMBER 1975.

3. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM CAUSED BY INCREASED OIL PRICES, NYERERE SAID TANZANIA'S EXPENDITURES FOR OIL IMPORTS HAVE IN-
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CREASED FROM 34 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1973 TO 90 MILLION DOLLARS

IN 1974. EXTRA 56 MILLION DOLLAR EXPENSE IS DUE ALMOST ENTIRELY TO GO DOWN. HE ADDED AT MOMENT THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT PRICE OF OIL. WE MUST CONTINUE BUYING IT AT WHATEVER PRICE SET BY OIL PRODUCERS.

4. ON OTHER HAND, NYERERE THOUGHT TANZANIA COULD IMPROVE FOOD SITUATION. HE CALLED ON ALL CITIZENS TO GROW MORE FOOD. HE ALSO ASKED FOR INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF CASH CROPS WHICH COULD THEN BE SOLD ABROAD IN ORDER TO PAY FOR IMPORTATIONS OF FOOD AND POL. NYERERE TOLD THE NATION: "OUR POLICIES OF SOCIALISM AND SELF-RELIANCE ARE GOOD POLICIES. THEY ARE KNOWN AND PRAISED THROUGHOUT WORLD. PERHAPS OUR LEADERSHIP IS IN DOUBT. IN THAT CASE, WE LEADERS MUST EXAMINE OURSELVES, AND CORRECT OUR FAULTS."

5. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, NYERERE NOTED THAT AMERICANS ARE BIGGEST SELLERS OF GRAIN. BUT THIS YEAR US IS HAVING POOR HARVEST AND FEW DAYS AGO IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT "THEY ARE LIKELY TO REFUSE TO SELL ANY GRAIN OVERSEAS, AND THAT THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY GRAIN FOR FAMINE RELIEF." IN ANY EVENT, NYERERE ARGUED AGAINST DEPENDENCE ON OVERSEAS MARKETS FOR FOODSTUFFS AS THIS WOULD RISK "NEW ERA OF OPEN OR CONCEALED COLONIALISM."

6. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF AUGUST 16 RAN EDITORIAL WHICH ACCOMPANIED TEXT OF NYERERE'S SPEECH. EDITORIAL EMPHASIZED: "WHILE TANZANIA DOES NOT HAVE OIL, AND WE MAY HAVE TO CONTINUE TO IMPORT CRUDES AND SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS ARE NECESSARY FOR HER DEVELOPMENT, SHE DOES NOT HAVE TO IMPORT GRAINS. IF ANYTHING THIS COUNTRY SHOULD BE A MAJOR EXPORTER OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

... PEOPLE MAY WELL URGE THAT OUR PRESENT PLIGHT IS A TEMPORARY PHASE CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OF RAINS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. BUT IT IS ALSO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT HAD WE BEEN DILIGENT ENOUGH IN OUR AGRICULTURE, WE WOULD HAVE REALISED LARGE SURPLUSES IN GRAIN; WHICH WOULD HAVE COME IN HANDY DURING THESE HARD TIMES." BEYER

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